Concord, October 14,
[1877]

Dear Mr Blake,

I received lately the enclosed letter from Mr C. M. Skinner of Brooklyn N.Y. and at once saw that it should be sent to you — but the letter quickly disappeared from my table, and I have just recovered it. The writer frankly says what we expected all intelligent readers would say of Thoreau,

but which we have waited in vain to hear from the public & rarely from the masters.

I hope your reading formerly, & now that you have all his rich manuscripts in your study, will justify & increase your old affection & estimation of his genius, and perhaps you will find that this new lover of our friend may be a fit trustee or assistant to bring his books to the day.

R. W. Emerson